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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

Applicants do not believe any additional fees other than those provided for in the accompanying documents are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time or addition of claims, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 18528.016.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.